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Overview

This act establishes and modifies a variety of gambling statutes relating to: raffles; bingo games, including electronic bingo games; licensing of gambling organizations; promotion of certain types of games; tipboard games; electronic pull tabs; restrictions on employee participation in games; accounting rules for electronic gambling; and requirements for including audit and compliance reports in organization minutes.

This bill also restricts the state lottery from offering casino-style games electronically and prohibits lottery ticket sales at gas pumps, ATMs, and online.

Section

- 1 Continuation raffle.** Defines a “continuation raffle” as a raffle where winning entries are selected from previously selected winning entries until a final selection of winning entries is determined. Limits the time period for such raffles to 12 months.
- 2 Gambling equipment.** Includes raffle boards and disposable sealed bingo placards in the definition of disposable gambling equipment.
- 3 Hot-ball bingo prize.** Defines a “hot-ball bingo prize” as an additional prize awarded to a winning bingo face for which the last bingo number called in the bingo game matches a previously designated bingo number. Requires that all players participating in a bingo game where there is a hot-ball bingo prize be eligible for that prize at no additional cost.
- 4 Raffle board.** Defines a raffle board as a placard having up to 200 squares whereby participants write their names to indicate entry in the raffle.

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- 5 **Merged organizations.** Allows a merged gambling organization to meet the requirement for being in existence the most recent three years preceding a license if one of the organizations that merged had an active gambling license at the time of the merger.
- 6 **Promotional materials.** Allows manufacturers to provide gambling organizations with promotional materials, provided that the value of the material does not exceed \$250 per year.
- 7 **Disposable sealed placard requirements.** Requires disposable sealed bingo placards to have a serial and form number and a symbol of the state.
- 8 **Raffle board standards.** Requires bar codes providing all required statutory information on raffle boards. Prohibits alteration of raffle boards by anyone other than the manufacturer. Requires a symbol of the state on raffle boards and limits the number of squares on boards to 200.
- 9 **Prohibition.** Allows linked bingo providers to provide gambling organizations with promotional materials, provided that the value of the material does not exceed \$250 per year.
- 10 **Bingo cards and sheets.** Changes row and number standards for bingo hard cards and paper sheets.
- 11 **Conduct of bingo.** Prohibits the completion of a bingo game if less than three bingo numbers have been drawn, with the exception of cover-none games.
- 12 **Electronic bingo.** Eliminates the registration requirement to play linked bingo. Requires the retention of identifying information for pull-tab prize receipts.
- 13 **Tipboard game ticket sales.** Allows placards to contain more than one seal, winning number and symbol. Increases the ticket limit per game from 32 to 100 for triggering the placard signature requirement for players who have a ticket with one or more predesignated numbers or symbols.
- 14 **Determination of winners in tipboard games.** Requires seals to be opened by the organization conducting the game and allows players to select which seal is opened if the placard has more than one seal.
- 15 **Electronic pull tabs.** Eliminates the registration requirement to play electronic pull tabs. Requires the retention of identifying information for pull-tab prize receipts.
- 16 **Conduct of raffles.** Allows information regarding additional raffle prizes to be visibly displayed instead of publicly posted.
- 17 **Organization and lessor employees and volunteers.** Allows volunteers involved in the conduct of a tipboard or paddlewheel game that has no more than 32 chances per game to play pull-tabs, tipboards or paddlewheels at the same premises on a different business day than the day they were involved in conducting those tipboards or paddlewheels.
- 18 **Accounting rules for electronic gambling.** Requires deposit of electronic gambling receipts in the gambling bank account when net receipts reach \$2000 or on the first day of the month, whichever comes first.
- 19 **Pull-tab records.** Requires that persons cashing out an electronic pull tab device with over \$600 present acceptable identification to allow identification and tracking of the winner.

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- 20 Information made part of organization minutes.** Removes the requirement that audits and compliance reports must be included in an organization's minutes only if they are written financial audits or were prepared by the state.
- 21 Bingo.** Extends the exception to the \$200 prize limit to cover-none bingo games. Raises the total prize limit for a bingo occasion to \$4800 for cover-all and cover-none games. Defines a cover-none game as a bingo game where a player does not cover any numbered spaces to win.
- 22 Linked bingo prizes.** Removes the \$300 prize contribution limit for linked bingo games played without an electronic bingo device. Expands the limit on contributions to a linked bingo game prize pool to all linked bingo games.
- 23 Hot-ball bingo prizes.** Sets a \$500 limit on hot-ball bingo prizes.
- 24 Progressive bingo games.** Clarifies that the starting prize limit for progressive bingo may be up to \$500.
- 25 State lottery restrictions.** Prohibits the director of the state lottery from:
- Offering casino-style games electronically, online, or by any other means or device;
 - Selling lottery tickets at gas pumps;
 - Selling lottery tickets at ATMs; and
 - Selling instant win lottery tickets online.
- 26 State lottery sales.** Requires the director of the state lottery to suspend all contracts related to the sale of lottery tickets at gas pumps, ATMs, and online.
- 27 Repealer.** Repeals the price filing and sales price requirements for linked bingo game manufacturers, distributors, and providers. Repeals the annual audit requirement for licensed organizations.